Appl. No. Amdt. dated November 24, 2004 Preliminary Amendment

## **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original): A method for treating a symptom of MCI comprising administering to a mammal in need of such therapy, an effective amount of a compound of formula (I)

$$\bigcap_{N \to \infty} H \bigcap_{N \to \infty} OR$$

$$(I)$$

wherein R is  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 2. (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the symptom of MCI is an impairment of memory function compared to one's age cohort; memory impairment that is at least one standard deviation below that of a subject's peers, but without significant impairment in activities of daily living; reduced medial lobe volume; delayed recall tasks or verbal and nonverbal stimuli; a decline in linguistic function or verbal fluency; or impairment in a single cognitive domain other than memory.
- 3. (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the symptom of MCI is the progression from MCI to AD.
- 4. (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the symptom of MCI is a symptom other than the progression from MCI to AD.

- 5. (Original): The method of claim 3 wherein the rate of progression from MCI to AD is reduced by at least about 10 percent.
- 6. (Original): The method of claim 3 wherein the rate of progression from MCI to AD is reduced by at least about 20 percent.
- 7. (Original): The method of claim 3 wherein the rate of progression from MCI to AD is reduced by at least about 50 percent.
- 8. (Amended): The method of any one of claims 1-7 claim 1 wherein the compound is  $C_6H_5CH_2-C(=0)$ -L-Pro-Gly-OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claims 9-16 are cancelled.